

State Need Grant

May 2010 Workshop



TODAY'S TOPICS

Celebrate!

- SNG 2010-11 Budget
- Increase in demand
- MFI cutoffs/Award amount details
- Proposed SNG rule changes
- Opportunity Internship Program
- Reminders/Timelines
- Questions



SNG 2010-11 BUDGET



\$227.2*	General/Legacy Fund appropriation
+ <u>1.3</u>	Federal LEAP/SLEAP dollars
\$228.5	State Need Grant Program
+ <u>.5</u>	Less than Halftime Pilot
<u>\$229.0</u>	Available SNG funds

*In millions

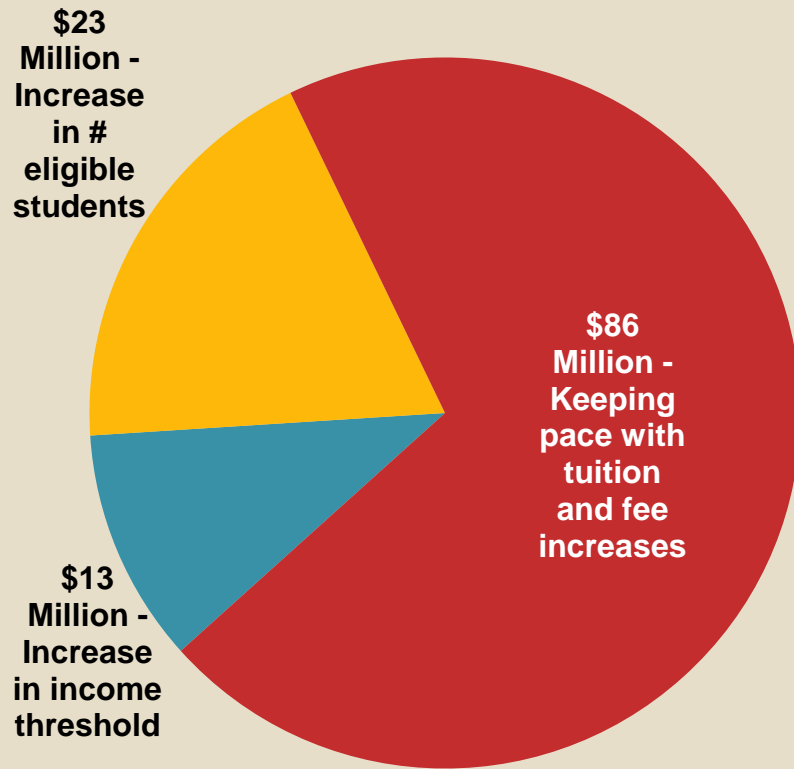
SNG STATISTICS

Despite the difficult budget situation the Legislature continues to hold the very lowest income students harmless from the tuition and fee increases on a dollar for dollar basis.

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
\$180,977,000	\$193,758,000	\$209,120,229	\$227,244,101
69,478 Students served	71,995 Students served	±72,000 Students served	±72,000 Students served

Depicts state dollars only, pilot study funds not included.
(25%+ dollar growth in last four years)
68 schools are currently participating

GROWTH FACTORS IN SNG FUNDING



Total increase since 2001-02

\$122 million

- 71% due to tuition increases
- 19% due to increased number of eligible students
- 10% due to increased income threshold (from 55% to 70% MFI)

SNG 2010-11 MFI CHART

MFIs for 2010-2011 SNG Program (rounded to nearest \$500)					
Family Size	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%
1	20,000	22,000	24,000	26,500	28,500
2	26,500	29,000	31,500	34,500	37,000
3	32,500	36,000	39,000	42,500	45,500
4	39,000	42,500	46,500	50,500	54,500
5	45,000	49,500	54,000	58,500	63,000
6	51,500	56,500	61,500	66,500	72,000
7	52,500	57,500	63,000	68,000	73,500
8	53,500	59,000	64,500	69,500	75,000
9	55,000	60,000	65,500	71,000	76,500
10	56,000	61,500	67,000	72,500	78,500

Note: Maximum MFI range remains at 70% MFI.

Safe Harbor use of 2009-10 chart because of lack of availability of new numbers.

MFI RANGE: PERCENTAGE OF AWARD

Percent of fulltime award covered at different MFI ranges	
MFI Range	2010-11 Percentage of Award
0%-50%	100%
51%-55%	70%
56%-60%	65%
61%-65%	60%
66%-70%	50%

- No changes from 2009-10

SNG AWARD AMOUNTS

Sector	Median Family Income				
	0% - 50%	51% - 55%	55% - 60%	61% - 65%	66%-70%
Research/Private Four Year	\$7,717	\$5,338	\$4,942	\$4,545	\$3,752
Regional/Applied Baccalaureates	\$5,575	\$3,839	\$3,549	\$3,260	\$2,681
Community and Technical Colleges/ Private Vocational	\$2,682	\$1,814	\$1,669	\$1,524	\$1,235
2010-11 Dependent Care Allowance	\$845	\$592	\$549	\$507	\$426

Note: Grant amounts are based on the assumption that each sector's authorizing body will authorize the maximum tuition/fee increase as authorized by the legislature. Award amounts are subject to change based on T/F authorization levels.

SNG AWARDS

- **Awards**

- Calculated as a percentage of tuition and fees
- Covers more than 90% of tuition and fees for public sectors
- The full value of the award has been offset by the amount that Pell grant growth exceeds maintenance cost growth. The offset for 2010-11 is \$213
- A \$100 SNG variance allowance pertaining to enrollment adjustments associated with awards exceeding tuition, is proposed in WAC changes

- **Less than Halftime Awards**

- 2010-11 is the last year of the pilot study
- HECB will request permanent funding for LTHT SNG
- Demand is typically double the available dollars

WHAT IS THE PELL OFFSET?

- The Pell Grant increase for FY 2010 and FY 2011 exceeds the WFAA maintenance budget increase.
- This frees up dollars that can be applied to tuition.
- To save the state of Washington dollars, the SNG award amounts are reduced by the available dollars created by the increased Pell amounts.
- For the 2010-11 year the offset is \$213.

SNG RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

- **Incorporates Opportunity Internship Graduate eligibility** and details throughout the SNG WAC to comply with 2009 Legislation – students qualify for SNG through a Running Start to the Trades program.
- **Adds language pertaining to place bound students** to comply with 2009 Opportunity Pathway Legislation– the phased out EOG program was moved into State Need Grant and labeled as an “Enhanced Need Grant”. There is currently no funding for Enhanced Need Grants.
- **Defines the \$100 variance allowance** for student enrollment adjustments that would normally require administrative adjustments to the SNG award amount when the award exceeds tuition and fees.
- **Adds an alternative method for calculating self-help** which promotes equity in requirements between sectors. A new calculation is described that reflects a reasonable amount that a student can earn while attending school.
- **Clarification on the foster youth assurance** – intended for unserved foster youth that were not identified during routine state need grant awarding processes and after SNG reserves are depleted.
- **Miscellaneous clarifications and technical changes**

25% SELF HELP

Self Help also includes:

- Conditional Scholarship Programs
- Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth
- Passport to College Promise Scholarship
- Academic Competitive Grant (ACG)
- National SMART Grant
- Other aid types are being considered by the SFA workgroup

If a source is not listed under the Program Manual guidance consider the following:

*When determining if an unlisted source shall be treated as **Self-Help**, consider whether the level of effort to earn the source equates to the kind of effort necessary to earn other sources such as a merit scholarship based on a substantial period of academic achievement.*

SNG: OPPORTUNITY INTERNSHIP GRADUATES

- 2009 SSHB 1355 excerpt “Sec. 8 (2) If an opportunity internship graduate enrolls within one year of high school graduation in a postsecondary program of study in an institution of higher education, including in an apprenticeship program with related and supplemental instruction provided through an institution of higher education, *the graduate is eligible to receive a state need grant for up to one year.* The graduate shall not be required to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The related and supplemental instruction provided to a graduate through an apprenticeship program shall not be required to lead to a degree or certificate.”

What you need to know:

- First cohort is 2010-11
- Eligible names will be uploaded to HECB by Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
- Names will be forwarded from HECB to higher education institutions which Opportunity Internship Graduates plan to attend
- Apprenticeship students are not typically eligible for financial aid

OPPORTUNITY INTERNSHIP GRADUATES

What you need to know (cont.):

- First eligible cohort 2010-11 (approx. 300 total/20 apprentices)
- Future years up to 5,000 students (333 apprentices) will be eligible
- It is not an entitlement
- Like SNG awards, Opportunity Internship awards can be used for any educational costs including apprenticeship related costs i.e. tools
- We will forward a list of these students when it's available to individual schools
- Although FAFSA's aren't required we have stressed that they should be completed
- Apprenticeship awards will equal a $\frac{1}{4}$ enrollment SNG award

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

- “Running Start to the Trades” encourages pre-apprenticeship programs in high schools
- Aligns vocational focused students up with career opportunities through internships
- There are 240 approved WA apprenticeship programs
www.lni.wa.gov/tradeslicensing/apprenticeship/
- Most are affiliated with the CTC sector
- Only 1 in 15 applicants are accepted into apprenticeship programs
- Apprenticeships aren’t typically eligible for financial aid
- Opportunity Internship expands aid to apprenticeship students

MAINSTREAM SNG VERSUS OIG

	Mainstream SNG	Opportunity Internships Graduates
Financial Eligibility	FAFSA income	Free and Reduced-price Lunch eligibility
Eligibility determined by	Financial Aid Offices at participating SNG Institutions	Opportunity Internship Consortium/Workforce Training and Education Coord. Board
Awards/Payments requested by	Financial Aid Offices at participating SNG Institutions	Financial Aid Offices at participating SNG Institutions
Matriculation required	Yes	No
Minimum enrollment level	Halftime	Less-than-Halftime
Award amounts	Based on enrollment level	Based on enrollment level
Time limit to begin using SNG	No	Yes-1 year post high school graduation
Program quarters of eligibility over lifetime	15 quarters of eligibility (5 years)	3 quarters of eligibility (1 year)



SNG REPAYMENT POLICY

- Basic formula for **known last date of attendance**, prior to or on 50% of the term:
 1. $\text{SNG \% earned} = \text{days in attendance} / \text{calendar days in term}$
 2. $100\% \text{ less SNG \% earned} = \% \text{ of unearned SNG}$
 3. $\% \text{ of unearned SNG} \times \text{grant amount}$
 4. Product of line 3. $\times 50\%$ to determine SNG repayment due
- If **last date of attendance is not known**, assume 50% earned but repayment amount is not multiplied by 50% (no step 4)
- **No shows** will owe 100% of original award
- Note: All monies, whether disbursed to the student account or directly to the student, shall be included in the repayment calculation.
- Clarification: **Funds returned to school's SNG reserve should reduce the student's net "award."**

SNG TUTORIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE

SNG PowerPoint tutorials available on HECB's website:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/>

Topics include:

- Calculating Awards
- Determining Eligibility
- Public Cash Request Process
- Interim Report Process for Public Institutions
- SNG Payment Utility Part 1: Logging on and adding students
- SNG Payment Utility Part 2: Submitting Awards



SNG REMINDERS

- Eligible **foster youth** are guaranteed SNG funds. If school reserves are depleted, contact the HECB.
- **Retain SNG award documentation** for six years.
- **LTHT reserves are separate** from SNG reserves. SNG reserves can not be used for LTHT students. Track all eligible LTHT students on interim reports.
- SNG **repayments** need to be **calculated separately** from federal repayment calculations.
- Report **all eligible** students for Regular and LTHT SNG on interim reports. Make sure lists are vetted before reporting.

STATE NEED GRANT REPORTS FOR 2010-11

Record Layouts are online at

<https://fortress.wa.gov/hecb/secure/login.asp>

Report Due Dates

Fall	November 5, 2010
Winter	February 4, 2011
Spring	May 6, 2011
Recon	July 8, 2011





SUMMER SNG TIMELINES

June - Initial reserve notifications

- (Initial 2010-11 funds will be committed)

July 9 - Reconciliation of 2009-10 academic year begins

August (end of month) - Finalized reserve notifications

- (100% of 2010-11 funds committed)

Note: Updated archive becomes available after reconciliation process is completed for [all](#) schools.

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